

CFR 0892

Mr. and Mrs. Merton S. Wade

To qualify as a Century Farm a farm must have not less than 10 acres with a gross income from farm use of not less than \$500 per year for three out of the five years immediately preceding application for Century Farm honors.

APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM HONORS--1976
(Rules Attached)
Deadline for filing application: July 1, 1976

PLEASE PRINT

Your name (Mr., Mrs., Miss) Mr. and Mrs. Merton S. Wade

Your address: Route _____ P.O. Box 509 Town Enterprise

Location of farm: Enterprise Wallowa
(Address) (County)

Acres in your farm today: 3,473.10 Acres in original farm: 160

Does your farm comply with the definition at top of page? Yes

Name of family member who was founder or original owner of farm (please print): _____

Samuel Wade

Year founder settled on farm? 1874 Where did he come from? Iowa

How many families have farmed this land? 4 Generations

Are any of original buildings still in use? No

Who farms land today? You? X A renter? _____ A manager? X Other? _____
Son of Owner

If you own the farm but live in town, do you manage the farming operation? Yes

What relation are you to the original owner? Grandson

If you know crops or livestock raised on farm 100 years ago, please list _____

Cattle, horses, hay, oats

What do you raise on farm today? Cattle, wheat, barley, hay

How many generations live on the farm today? (Names) 1 Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wade

Has the farm ever been rented? No How many times has original farm been divided? None

Please list on separate page attached other historical facts you know about this farm.

Do you declare that the statements made above are accurate and correct to the best of your knowledge? Yes

Mail to: Oregon Dept. of Agriculture
Agriculture Bldg., Salem, OR 97310

Merton S. Wade
(Signature of owner)

Submitted by Mr. and Mrs. Merton S. Wade 307 Wagner Street
Enterprise, Oregon 97828
(Name and Address)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Historical Summary Attached

Form A - Century Farm Program

Oregon Department of Agriculture
Oregon Historical Society

CERTIFICATION OF OWNERSHIP OF CENTURY FARM

I hereby certify that the farm for which Mr. Merton S. Wade
(Owner's name and address)
307 Wagner Street Enterprise, Oregon 97828

is applying for Century Farm Honors, has been in his family continuously for
100 or more years.



Mary Ann Martin
* County Commissioner-Recorder

June 24, 1976
(Date)

*Please strike office not applicable

HISTORICAL SUMMARY

The Wade Centennial Farm

Wallowa County's first "Oregon Century Farm" is located 8.5 miles west of Enterprise, Oregon on highway O-82. The Wade Farm has expanded from the original 160 acre homestead along the Wallowa River to an extensive agricultural venture of nearly 3500 acres. This land has been owned, operated, and passed from father to son for over a century.

Samuel Wade, along with his wife Louisa Evans Wade and their daughter Jennie, made the journey from Iowa to Oregon in 1873. A year later they moved to the Wallowa Country which at that time was a part of Union County. Upon his arrival in the area, the original homesteader traded a team of horses and a wagon for a crudely built log cabin and 160 acres of river bottom land. Here in the peaceful "land of winding waters" he settled and began his agricultural endeavors, raising cattle, horses, oats, and hay. The pride of the farm became the big, beautiful Percheron horses that were used for farming and exhibited at many fairs and expositions. Mr. Wade was acquainted with both adversaries in the Nez Perce War, Chief Joseph and General Howard, and held both men in high esteem. During the time of the Indian trouble with the Nez Perce Indians in 1877-78 Sam Wade moved his family to the fort at Summerville, but he remained on the homestead. In 1882 the final patent on the homestead was approved and a new house was built on the farm. This structure is presently the family residence of his great grandson, Sam M. Wade. Samuel Wade passed away in 1936 at the age of 86.

Harry S. Wade, the second generation owner was born April 23, 1891 on the farm he later owned and operated. He remained on the farm during his early years and became manager in 1918. On September 20, 1917, he was married to Sylvia Applegate. They raised two sons on the farm, Harry Reed, born on April 11, 1919 was killed in a hunting accident on November 17, 1949, and Merton Sylvan born October 2, 1921 who is the present owner of the farm. During his tenure on the farm Harry Wade began to expand and diversify it by raising cattle, horses, sheep, pigs, and poultry. He also began raising grain as a cash crop. Mr. Wade was a County Commissioner for Wallowa County and served on the Board of Directors of the Wallowa County Grain Growers for twelve years. Following his wife's death, four months later he passed away on June 16, 1957.

Merton S. Wade, the third generation and present owner has spent his entire life involved in the activities of the farm. Since 1946 when he became manager of the farm he has continued to expand its size and diversification. He was married to Bethel McCrae on June 4, 1940. Mr. and Mrs. Wade have three daughters, one son, and eleven grandchildren. Their son, Sam is presently managing the farm operation. Currently the farm production includes 300 head of purebred Angus cattle, 900 acres of wheat and barley, and about 200 acres of alfalfa hay. Merton Wade has been a prominent figure in agriculture in Wallowa County. He was selected as recipient of the first J. C. Outstanding Young Farmer award for Wallowa County in 1957 and Wallowa County Soil Conservation Man of the Year in 1969. He also served on the Board of Directors for the Wallowa County Grain Growers for fourteen years.

In reflecting on changes he has observed during the past three generations of farming, Mr. Wade cites the rapidly changing technology and improved methods and machinery in agriculture as being the most significant. "Today the farms are larger and more mechanized. We are now farming land that once supported six families. We employ three or four people to do the work that once took many more." It appears quite evident that it is the most sincere desire of Mr. and Mrs. Merton Wade that the farm continue to remain in the family for many years to come.

Respectfully Submitted by:

William H. McCadden

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Death Claims Mrs. J. Reavis

Mrs. Jennie W. Reavis, 74, and resident of Walla Walla county since 1905, died Friday in a local hospital. She had resided on route 1.

Born February 8, 1873 in Seymour, Iowa, Mrs. Reavis came to Oregon with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wade, when she was a year old. The family settled in the Wallawa country. She is a graduate of Willamette University and taught school in Wallawa county a number of years.

She married James L. Reavis in 1892 and moved to Walla Walla from La Grande in 1905. He died September 21, 1943.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Lois (Clarence) Bergovin and Mrs. Doris (Clarence) Dirks, of Walla Walla; a brother, Harry S. Wade of Enterprise and a sister, Mrs. Charles Mays, of Camas. Several grandchildren also survive her.

She was affiliated with Central Christian church, Lowden Study club and Educational club of Walla Walla.

Jennie Wade Reavis Dies at Walla Walla

Mrs. Jennie Wade Reavis, 74, and resident of Walla Walla county since 1905, died Friday, Sept. 13.

Born Feb. 8, 1873, in Seymour, Iowa, Mrs. Reavis came to Oregon with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wade, when she was a year old. The family settled in Wallawa county (on the Harry S. Wade place near Lentine). She was a graduate of Willamette University and taught school in Wallawa county for a number of years.

She married James L. Reavis in 1892 and moved from La Grande to Walla Walla in 1905. Mr. Reavis died Sept. 21, 1943.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Lois (Clarence) Bergovin and Mrs. Doris (Clarence) Dirks, of Walla Walla; a brother, Harry S. Wade of Enterprise; and a sister, Mrs. Charles Mays of Camas, Wa. Several grandchildren also survive. She was affiliated with Central Christian church, Lowden Study club and Educational club of Walla Walla.

United States to Samuel Wade

Certificate No 752 } The United States of America

To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting

Whereas Samuel Wade of Union County Oregon has deposited in the

General Land Office of the United States a Certificate of the Register of the

Land Office at Le Grand Oregon whereby it appears that full payment

has been made by the said Samuel Wade according to the provisions of

the Act of Congress of the 24th of April 1820 entitled an Act "making further

provisions for the sale of the Public Lands" And the acts supplemental thereto

for the South West Quarter of the North East Quarter the South East Quarter of

the North West Quarter the North West Quarter of the South East Quarter and

North East Quarter of the South West Quarter of Section thirteen in Township

one South of Range forty three East of the Willamette meridian in Oregon

Containing one hundred and sixty acres according to the official Plat of

the Survey of the said Land returned to the General Land Office by the Surveyor

General which said Tract has been purchased by the said Samuel Wade.

Now know Ye that the United States of America in consideration of the

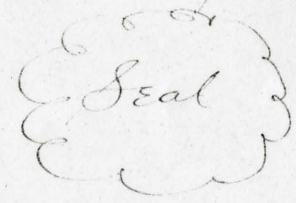
premises and in conformity with the several acts of Congress in such

case made and provided have granted and by these presents

do give and grant unto the said Samuel Wade and to his heirs the

said tract above described, to Have and to Hold the same together
with all the rights, privileges, immunities and appurtenances of whatsoever
nature thereunto belonging unto the said Samuel Wade and to his heirs
and assigns forever subject to any vested and accreted water rights
for mining, agriculture, manufacturing or other purposes and rights to
ditches and reservoirs used in connection with such water rights as
may be recognized and acknowledged by the local customs, laws and
decisions of courts, and also subject to the rights of the proprietor of
a vein or lode to extract and remove his ore therefrom should the same
be found to penetrate or intersect the premises hereby granted as provided by law.
In Testimony Whereof I Chester A. Arthur President of the United States of
America have caused these letters to be made patent and the seal of the
General Land Office to be hereunto affixed

Given under my hand at the City of Washington the first day of June in
the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and eighty two and
of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and Sixth



By the President Chester A. Arthur

By W H Cook Secretary

S H Clark Recorder of the General Land Office

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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.

CERTIFICATE

No. 782

Whereas Samuel Wade of Union County, Oregon

has deposited in the General Land Office of the United States a Certificate of the Registrar of the Land Office at La Grange, Oregon, whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said Samuel Wade

according to the provisions of the Act of Congress of the 21st of April, 1820, entitled "An Act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," and the acts supplemental thereto, for the south west quarter of the north east quarter the south east quarter of the north west quarter, the north west quarter of the south east quarter and the north east quarter of the south west quarter of section thirteen in township one south of range forty three east of Willamette Meridian in Oregon, containing one hundred and sixty acres

according to the General Plat of the Survey of the said Lands, returned to the General Land Office by the Surveyor General, which said Tract has been purchased by the said Samuel Wade.

Now know ye, That the United States of America, in consideration of the premises, and in conformity with the several Acts of Congress in such case made and provided, have given and granted, and by these presents do give and grant unto the said Samuel Wade

and to his heirs the said Tract above described. To have and to hold the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities and appurtenances, of whatsoever nature, thereto belonging, unto the said Samuel Wade

and to his heirs and assigns forever, subject to any valid and lawful water rights for mining, agricultural, manufacturing or other purposes, and rights to ditches and canals and in connection with such water rights as may be recognized and acknowledged by the local customs, laws, and decisions of courts, and also subject to the right of the proprietor of a vein or lode to extract and remove his ore therefrom, should the same be found to penetrate or intersect the premises hereby granted, as provided by law.

In testimony whereof

I, James M. Smith, Secretary of the United States of America, have caused these letters to be made Patent, and the said Tract in the General Land Office to be lawfully affected.

Given

under my hand at the City of Washington, the first day of August, 1854, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and eighth.

By the President:

By

James M. Smith, Secretary

A. H. Clark

Recorder of the General Land Office

